

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 19, 2024**

Attendance: Pastor Vanderbilt, Linda Norton, David Cormeny, Charlotte Weaklend, Jim Pulse, Jennifer Ohnemus, Steve Roush, Karla Roush, JoAnn Chapman, Ed Chapman, Melinda Grimm, Jake Hermanson

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Pastor Tom opened with prayer.

Jake motioned to pass January Council Minutes. Charlotte seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Pastor Tom -Autopsy of a Deceased Church- Chapter 11

-Discussed how the Church can sometimes become obsessed over the facilities.

-Examples are when someone might donate to a room and take control over it, where there are locked rooms in the church, or too much focus on who or what the room should be used for.

-Churches can sometimes put too much focus on nostalgic pieces and hinder growth for the future of the congregation.

-Another example is Moses with the Israelites. Where they wanted to go back to slavery rather than working through the obstacles of reaching the promised land. "Remember the good ol' days" comes to mind.

Priority of the Ministry (See Attached)

Document helping to show the priorities of a pastor and how decisions are made using this criteria.

DCE Report- Aaron (See Email Attachment)

- Prayer stations during Holy Week are coming
- Community meals will be happening weekly at Moab Park
- No traditional VBS will be happening this year, more to come.

- Easter breakfast will be happening with the help of the Elder's and Youth

Elder's Report- Jake (See Email Attachment)

- Looking for a 2 year worship director, to fold into future budgets
- Will be teaming up with the youth for Easter meal
- Jake would like to discuss with Terry the change of attendance with the new communion schedule.

Financial Report- Linda (See Email Attachment)

- Motion to pass by Jake, David seconded, unanimous vote to pass.

Treasurer's Report- Chad Keuhl (See Email Attachment)

- Motion to pass by Jim, seconded by Melinda, unanimous vote to pass.

Education Report- Melinda (See Email Attachment)

- Background checks will be happening soon for teachers and also chaperones.
- Day camps will be taking place instead of VBS. Please read attachment.

Evangelism Report- (N/A)

Discipleship Report- Ed and JoAnn (See Email Attachment)

- March 16th Mission Central Trip
- Proposing a subcommittee to organize summer meals at Moab Park.

Worship Report- Charlotte and Karla (See Email Attachment)

- Announces the beginning of a photographed directory
- Asking for \$800 for new Altar Robes and \$1500 for paraments, Jake motioned, JoAnn seconded, unanimously passed.

Parish Nurse- Carolyn (No Attachment)

Youth- Jen (See Email Attachment)

- Looking to finalize chaperone requirements including less than 18 years training and background checks.
- Ministry Safe is the background system that will be used.

Records Report – David (See Email Attachment)

Stewardship Report – Jim (No Attachment)

Property Report- Steve (See Email Attachment)

Camp Okoboji Representative

-Pastor Vanderbilt motioned for Terry to be the representative, David seconded, unanimously passed.

-Wednesday service meal will be a Taco Bar, be here at 5:00 pm if you'd like to volunteer.

Old Business

- Evangelism Position Still Open
- Okoboji Proposal
- Future Endowment Structure
- New furniture for marriage counseling, etc.

-Next Council meetings will be on March 18th.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was offered by Linda, with a second by Jim. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pastor led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
David Cormeny